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Mr. William E. Colby
Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Bill.

In reference to our telephone conversation, we would be most grateful if you could address the next meeting of the Defense Panel on Intelligence, which we have convened to review and assess the progress and status of DoD intelligence. The meeting is scheduled for 21 November and we would like you to give us your informal and candid views on the role of DoD intelligence in helping you in your responsibilities as the President's chief intelligence officer. It would be particularly useful to have your assessment of the problems you face, of how we are supporting you now, and of what your office may need from the DoD in the future. It would be particularly helpful for the panel to hear your views of where intelligence is headed and what major problems you see it facing.

If you are agreeable, I would also like the panel members to hear the IC staff's presentation of their post mortem study on the performance of the intelligence community prior to and during the Yom Kippur war, in order to provide an overall context for our more narrowly focused report on DoD intelligence performance during the same episode.

If convenient, I suggest that you meet with the panel from 1100 to 1230, after which I hope you can join us for lunch. Also, if convenient, we would like to hear the IC staff presentation when we resume in the afternoon (from 1330 to 1430). We will be meeting in the DIA Conference Room, 3E267, in the Pentagon.

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I have attached the agenda for the first meeting, a tentative agenda for the second (which is subject to your agreement and convenience), and a list of panel members.

Cordially,

Albert C. Hall

Attachments

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